

Gold Line Station Area Plans

Presentation to
Planning Commission
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Gold Line BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)

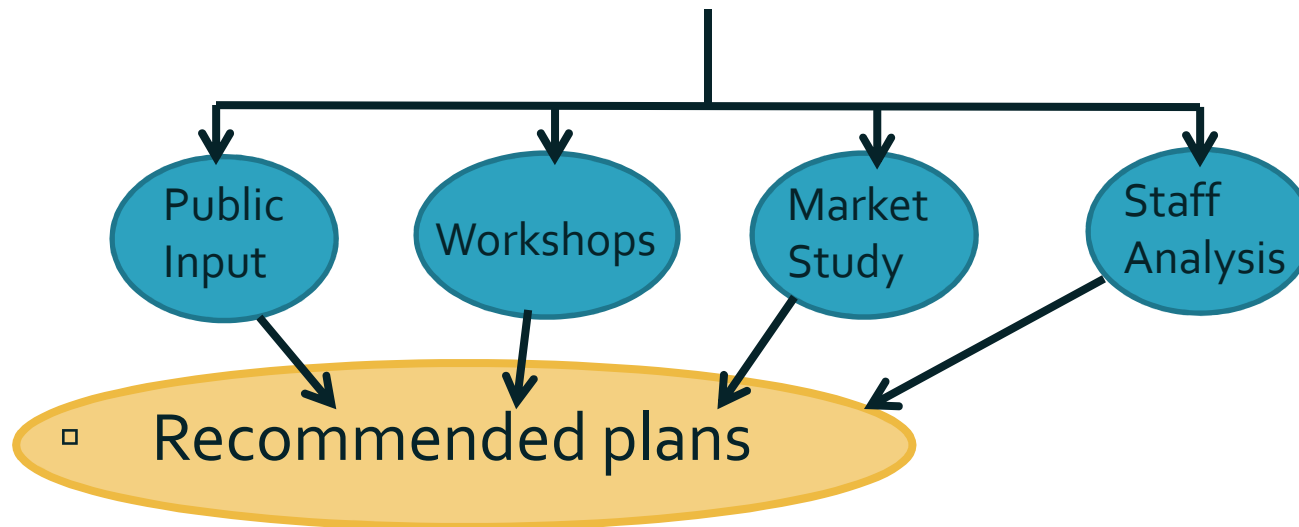


Why were these plans created?

- Study initiated in early 2014 by the Planning Commission
- Take maximum advantage of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) investment for Saint Paul
 - Identify opportunities
 - Address impacts

How were these plans created?

- Interviews (14) and basic analysis for background
- 10-member citizen task force
 - Advised staff process
 - Identified questions and issues to be answered by:



Public Input

- Spoke to citizen and business groups (6 times)
- Attended festivals (5)
- Held targeted open houses, w flyers to promote (5)
- Held big open houses (2)
 - Mailed to 7,000 addresses, + other promotion
- Door-knocking focused on apts & businesses (13)
- Open Saint Paul

OVERALL: Spoke with ~500 people



Public Input



You are invited to attend a community conversation about
Se le invita a asistir a una conversación comunitaria sobre
Thov caw koj tuaj koom lub rooj sib tham bog

Earl Street Station Area Planning

Free snacks and kids activities!
Peb yuov muaj
thiab boam ncau!
thiab beu ua si peb
dabob rau lej cov
me nyuam!

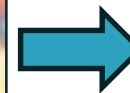
¡Comida gratis y actividades para niños!

Photosimulation of Earl Street Bus Rapid Transit Station

WHEN? Wednesday, September 3rd from 4:00 -7:00pm (stop by anytime)

WHERE? Mounds Theater

WHY? Meet your community and share your opinions with the City of Saint Paul. Enjoy refreshments and activities about potential Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station locations at Earl Street along the Gateway Corridor, and their effect on the area.



Plan Principles

1. Connect neighborhoods and businesses across I-94 and use station area planning to unify East Side communities.
2. Develop multi-modal connections to stations.
3. Provide safe stations and connections to them.
4. Create opportunities for new development to accommodate new residents and build “places” that are community assets.
5. Create opportunities for existing businesses to benefit.
6. Protect existing housing from removal for BRT.

Major Recommendations

1. Comprehensive Plan amendment
2. Road realignments
3. I-94 crossings
4. Station location preferences
5. Sun Ray grid
6. Transit-oriented development
7. Zoning changes